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AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF A STATE-WIDE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

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Regarding H.B. 5505 changes requested below

Honorable members of the Housing Committee, I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on the referenced bill. The Carabetta Companies own and manage close to 10,400 apartments, mostly affordable, and manage Connecticut's largest Low Income Housing Tax Credit portfolio.

This proposal calls for a study to see if a statewide property maintenance code will work in Connecticut. Section 103 of the International Code Council's Uniform Property Maintenance Code allows for fees to be charged in conjunction with the code.

At Carabetta we believe that SECTION 103.5 or any other section that allows for fees to be charged **MUST BE REMOVED** from this or any other maintenance code the State may adopt.

Sincerest thanks for your consideration,



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